

# ADVANCED POSITIONS OF DVINSK ARE PENETRATED BY THE GERMANS

## FORTIFIED CITY NEW OBJECTIVE

Increased Speed of Invaders is Not Likely to Prevent Escape of Russian Army.

### TAKE TRENCHES ON DVINA

Strike in Protest at Prorogation of the Duma is Suspended.

BERLIN, Sept. 23.—The new German offensive movement, with its object the capture of the important fortified city of Dvinsk, has made definite progress. The war office announced today that Russian advanced positions west of the city had been penetrated and that more than 2,000 prisoners and several machine guns had been captured.

The Russian military authorities regard the withdrawal from the very difficult positions near Vilna, which for a time seriously menaced a large army, as virtually completed.

They assert the Germans have lost 250,000 men in their recent operations in this region.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The strongly fortified Russian city of Dvinsk on the Dvina, 110 miles southeast of Riga, has become the new German objective, now that the Russian armies, apparently have escaped from the Vilna net. The German forces east and southeast of Lida are now making more rapid progress, but their increased speed at this time is expected to gain them little in view of the fact that the safe retreat of the greater part of the Russian forces now seems to be assured.

Russian Trenches Taken.

The chief success of the Germans in the last day or two has been along the Dvina front, which bars the road to Petrograd. Southwest of Dvinsk the invaders captured Russian trenches on a front of nearly two miles, taking 2,000 prisoners and eight machine guns. Further down the river, near Friedland, the Russians have gained a minor success.

For the time being the domestic situation in Russia is quieting. The strike in protest at the prorogation of the Duma has been suspended, but may be revived if the government persists in its opposition to the movement in favor of reassembling parliament and permitting the formation of a new cabinet.

Is Contradicted.

Along the western front the French report destruction of a German patrol in Champagne. Berlin states that the patrol was withdrawn after destroying French works.

Mobilization of Bulgarian forces continues to excite keen interest, but the belligerents, as well as the neutral world, seem to be in the dark as to the purpose which dictated this movement.

SNOWS MAKE FIGHTING PERILOUS IN THE ALPS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland, Sept. 23.—Winter snows are already falling in the Alps, rendering still more perilous the work of the Italian and Austrian troops who are engaged in warfare in the mountainous regions near the border.

A correspondent of the Gazette de Lausanne describes the recent battle for possession of the Austrian stronghold, on top of the Freikofel mountain, 9,000 feet high. The attack was made under most difficult conditions. The Austrians had prepared for an attack from the east. Two battalions of Italian Alpine troops made their way around the mountain and attacked the Austrians from the rear. To reach the summit they were compelled to scale the precipitous side of the mountain clinging to ropes placed in position by mountaineers.

The correspondent states that the Italians captured 350 Austrians and a large quantity of munitions.

VIOLENT ARTILLERY FIGHTING CONTINUES

PARIS, Sept. 23.—The violent artillery fighting, which has characterized the operations in France for more than three weeks, was continued yesterday and last night at a number of places along the battle line, according to the statement given out by the war office today. The engagements were particularly severe near Roclin-court and to the north and south of the river Aisne.

GERMAN POSITIONS IN BELGIUM RE-ENFORCED

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 23.—During the last week the German positions in Belgium have been heavily re-enforced while the fortifications at Lille in France have been restored and strengthened.

It is reported here that these precautions have been taken in anticipation of a possible general offensive.

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## Twenty-Eight Glasses Called

ATHENS, Sept. 23.—Up to midnight on Wednesday twenty-eight glasses of troops had been included in the Bulgarian mobilization order. The news has caused much excitement in Athens and developments in the situation are anxiously awaited here.

## SUBMARINES

Are Inspected by Henry Ford but He Will Not Build Any.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Henry Ford spent two hours at the navy yard today inspecting submarines and the latest forms of marine machinery. At the conclusion of his trip, the manufacturer announced he did not expect to build any submarines in the near future and that he was still a strong peace advocate.

"I was very much interested in all I saw," said Mr. Ford. "I spent over half an hour in one submarine and I learned a great deal for it was my first experience in one. A new engine burning heavy oil ranked next in my interest. I do not expect to build any submarines or anything else along this line. If it were necessary, however, I would be only too glad to help my country."

## FUNERAL

Of Miss Virginia Broch, Who Died Here, Will Be Held at Grafton.

Miss Virginia Broch, aged 60 years, of Grafton, died at 6:45 o'clock, Wednesday evening, in a local hospital, following a lingering illness.

The body was prepared for burial and taken to the home of George A. Broch, a brother, at 531 West Washington street, Grafton, Thursday morning. The funeral services will be held at the home of her brother and the burial will be in a Grafton cemetery.

## Your Baby May Be the One to Win; Do You Want to Be a Proud Parent?

### FRAGMENT

Of a Bomb Strikes American Consulate but No One is Hurt.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—The American consulate at Stuttgart, Germany, was struck by a fragment of a bomb during the recent raid upon that place by French airmen according to a message today from Consul Higgins. He said no one in the consulate was injured, but did not indicate whether the building was greatly damaged.

## Will Supply All Coal For a Whole Railroad

The Central Fairmont Coal Company has just closed a yearly contract with a railroad company for the latter's entire requirements of coal and is now hiring about 1,000 additional miners.

The company has already purchased additional live stock for the purpose of taking care of the increased production. Daniel Howard, the general manager, thinks this may have caused the advance in the price of mules now being sought by the warring nations.

The coal company recently added to its previous large facilities at its Snake Hill mine in order to take care of the new production as well as its established trade.

## UNION IS NO BAR AVERS JOHN D. JR.

Does Not Care Whether Employees of His Company Belong or Not.

ROUSE, Colo., Sept. 23.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., today stated that the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company does not care whether its miners belong to a union or not. The statement was made in a conference between Mr. Rockefeller, David Griffiths, grievance mediator of the company, and C. A. Mitchell, grievance representative of the Rouse miners. Mitchell is a neophyte.

Mr. Rockefeller, Jr., visited the properties of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company here today, the second anniversary of the calling of the coal miners' strike. During his stay he conferred with David Griffiths and members of the camp grievance committee relative to living and working conditions.

The Rockefeller party made the thirty-mile drive from Trinidad, arriving shortly before 10 o'clock. After luncheon they started to Lester and expected to reach Walsenburg for tonight's stop.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Sept. 23.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., on his tour of inspection of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's properties, today left Las Animas county and motored northward through a stretch of hilly country, made historic by a succession of battles in the miners' strike of 1913 and 1914. He expected to spend tonight at Walsenburg, 45 miles north of Trinidad.

Before leaving Trinidad Mr. Rockefeller had an interview with Joe Rizzo, an Italian coal miner and former striker who came here to thank the oil magnate for the \$100,000 given by the Rockefeller foundation for the relief of unemployed men after the strike was called off. Rizzo is the miner whose telegram to Mr. Rockefeller last spring, appealing for aid for the destitute wives and children of former strikers led directly to the foundation contribution and the inauguration of an expensive system of road improvement by which several hundred men were given employment.

## COBB MAKES RECORD.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—Ty Cobb's stolen base during the Detroit-Philadelphia game yesterday gives him the record for the American league, it was stated by a statistician here today. The previous record for the league was eighty-eight bases stolen by Mjlan, of Washington, in 1912. Cobb has stolen eighty-nine.

## TWO NEW HOUSES

Are to Be Erected at Once by Lot Owners at Goff Plaza.

Ground was broken Thursday morning on the foundation of a two-story, seven-room slate-roof house to be built by C. J. Fisher, on a lot recently purchased on Concord street at Goff Plaza, from the Willson and Dennison Real Estate Company, which is agent for Cecil B. Highland, owner of the Plaza.

Mr. Fisher is a well known business man of Broad Oaks, being a member of the firm of Fisher and Umberger, grocers. Work on the house will be rushed to an early completion as Mr. Fisher wants to have it finished before the cold weather sets in.

Mrs. Luella Horner, who recently purchased the lot adjoining Mr. Fisher's on Concord street, will start work this week on a high class bungalow, which she also hopes to have finished before the snow flies.

## BIDS SUBMITTED

For Construction of a Cottage for Tubercular Patients at Infirmary.

Bids were submitted to the county clerk Thursday for the construction of a three-room cottage for tubercular patients at the county infirmary, as follows:

Robert Brown, \$1,325.75.  
O. W. Felt, \$1,327.50.  
A. Hall, \$1,585.00.

The contract will not be awarded until the county court meets again.

## Duff's Liquor Stolen And Two Are Jailed

Charged with the theft of thirty-six pints of liquor from Lloyd Duff Wednesday evening, William Freeland and E. F. Reeder are prisoners in the city jail, having been lodged there by police officers Wednesday night. Action against the two men will probably be taken in a local magistrate's court.

The alleged theft was reported to the police department by Duff early Wednesday evening with the request that Freeland and Reeder be arrested on a charge of larceny. Police Lieutenant Nicholas M. Whyte sent Officers Sims, McCloud and Yates out to search for the two men. The officers returned in a few minutes bringing Freeland and Reeder and locking them up.

Late Thursday afternoon Freeland and Reeder were released, it having been proved satisfactorily to the police that the liquor belonged to them.

## DENIAL MADE OF FRICTION RUMORS

No Fuss with American Bankers Declare Anglo-French Commissioners.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—In disposing of reports in Wall street that there has been friction between American financiers and members of the Anglo-French financial commission the commission issued an official statement denying that such was the case.

Under the caption "Reported Friction between the Commission and American Bankers," the statement reads:

"The commission wishes to deny emphatically that there has been any friction. The report that there had been is not so."

Meetings between American bankers and the commission were continued today. Men in close touch with the negotiations said they thought official announcement as to the progress of negotiations would be forthcoming in about a week.

At 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening a cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. H. P. Woods, 449 South Chestnut street. C. H. Harding will be leader.

## UNCLE SAM WINS IN FRYE DISPUTE

### Capital in Darknees

Life of Foreigners in Constantinople Almost Intolerable, Says a Swiss.

GENEVA, Sept. 23.—A Swiss who has just returned from Constantinople writes to the Gazette de Lausanne that there is no gas, electricity or candles in the Turkish capital and that condition of life there are almost intolerable for foreigners. He says that 2,400 workmen from the Krupp plant are idle on account of lack of raw materials.

## BODY OF WOMAN FOUND IN LAKE

Police Believe That She Was Murdered and Thrown into Water.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 23.—The body of Miss Jennie Davis, 28, was found floating in Shaker lake today by Robert T. Hattwick, caretaker of the Shaker Lake Glee Club. Police believe the woman was murdered by being thrown into the lake after an attack.

Miss Davis had been missing since Sunday evening when an elf, home saying she had arranged to meet a man friend and spend the evening with him. The body was fully clothed when found and there were no marks visible on it. The man who the girl planned to meet has been found, and says he did not keep his engagement with her. The lake is surrounded by a lonely patch of woods, through which the girl must have passed and in which it is believed the attack was made.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk to Avelino Mino and Maria Garsia, and Robert Lynn Osborn and Myrtle Rose Smith.

## WILLIAMSON AT WESTON.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 23.—Dr. J. M. Williamson, member of the state board of control, has gone to Weston to make an inspection of the gas supply of the state hospital located there. The state has four gas wells on its land there and these are to be cleaned out and put in shape to replenish the supply for the winter.

## FORGO'S CLAIM IS DISAVOWED

Publishers' Association Head Tells President It Has Nothing to Do with Bryan.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Louis N. Hammerling, of New York, president of the American Association of Foreign Language Newspapers, called at the White House today to assure President Wilson that his organization had nothing to do with the representation of Dr. William Forgo, of Brooklyn, that editors or foreign newspapers in this country wanted William J. Bryan to go abroad to work for peace. Dr. Forgo saw Mr. Bryan recently to extend such an invitation.

Mr. Hammerling declared that Dr. Forgo does not represent the American Association of Foreign Language Newspapers, which, Mr. Hammerling said, included in its membership practically all newspapers in the United States, published in foreign languages.

## TEMPERANCE

Beverage Society is Indicted for Shipping Beer into the State.

HUNTINGTON, Sept. 23.—The Temperance Beverage Company, of Chicago, has been indicted by the federal grand jury here on a charge of shipping beer into West Virginia without properly labeling it, according to an announcement made by District Attorney Barnhardt, who says that this concern shipped beer in barrels to George Asha and Son at Glen Jean, the beer being disguised as a temperance drink.

The federal courts are co-operating with the West Virginia authorities in the effort to enforce prohibition and it was through revenue agents that the alleged intoxicating nature of the beverage sold at Glen Jean was discovered.

## MRS. YOST CHOSEN

Again As President of the State Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

FAIRMONT, Sept. 23.—Officers were elected today by the state convention of Women's Christian Temperance Union in session in this city as follows:

President—Mrs. Lena Yost, of Morgantown.  
Vice-president—Mrs. Jennie Endle, Fairmont.  
Recording secretary—Mrs. Olive Barnes, of Fairmont.  
Corresponding secretary—Mrs. Blanche Pickering, of Rowlesburg.  
Treasurer—Mrs. Lena Jenkins, of Buckhannon.

Indications are that Parkersburg will be chosen as the place for holding the next annual convention.

## Germany Gives Assurance That American Ships Will Not Be Destroyed.

### PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTED

Commission to Fix Damages and The Hague to Settle Treaty Rights.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23.—Germany's latest note on the sinking of the American sailing ship, William F. Frye, published today by the state department, discloses an important diplomatic victory for the United States.

Germany accepts the proposal to fix damages by commission and to let The Hague pass upon disputed treaty rights involved. It also gives assurances that no more American ships carrying conditional contraband will be destroyed under any circumstances.

## I Problematical

American ships carrying contraband, however, still may be destroyed. What effect this can have in practical operation is problematical because Germany and Great Britain in their retaliation have made absolute contraband practically everything which was conditional under the declaration of London.

One thing seems to officials certain—German naval commanders are now ordered to exercise the right of visit and search with respect to all American ships to determine what cargo the vessel carries, thus making it practically sure that none will be attacked without warning, or ample time be given for passengers and crew to transfer irrespective of the cargo.

To Avoid a Break.

Considered with reference to the entire controversy, the Frye note is regarded as an indication that the Berlin foreign office is anxious to avert a break with the United States. This increased today the interest in Germany's attitude toward the negotiations over the Arabic.

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## FOR PLAINTIFF

Verdicts Are Returned in Detam Cases in the Circuit Court.

Juries in the circuit court Thursday returned verdicts for the plaintiff in the detam cases of Samuel Feinberg against Lloyd Duff and of Samuel Feinberg against Charles Harris.